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ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

Annual Meetings Program Book Is Online!

Check out the [Online Annual Meetings Program Book](#)! The 2012 AAR Annual Meetings are packed with excellent programming. See a session you just can't miss? There is still time to [register](#) for the Annual Meetings in Chicago at the Advance rate.

The print *Program Book*, featuring the complete programs listing and room locations, will be mailed to all Annual Meetings registrants in late September. **You must be registered for the Annual Meetings by September 15 to receive the *Program Book*.** (Note: Previously, a print *Program Planner* was sent to all AAR members regardless of Annual Meetings registration status; this year, you must be registered receive a print *Program Book*.)

Carbon Offsets at the Annual Meetings Paying Off

AAR and SBL partnered with *NativeEnergy* in 2011 to offer a voluntary [carbon offset](#) program to Annual Meeting registrants. Last year, the AAR and SBL were pleased to collect \$8,250 from 550 participants. An additional \$274.60 was earned from the sale of Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) vouchers, and a \$500 donation was made for the AAR and SBL's staff travel. *NativeEnergy* received a total check for \$9,024.60, which went toward the development of a wind turbine, the [Iowa Farms Wind Project](#) in Northern Iowa. You can see the project dedication video for the wind turbine supported with offsets from AAR and SBL 2011

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The AAR and SBL are continuing the carbon offset program in 2012. We encourage you to make this inexpensive commitment to making our meetings more environmentally friendly. Thank you to all of our AAR contributors!

Experience the 2011 Annual Meetings Again!

Videos from the 2011 Annual Meetings in San Francisco are going online! Watch Judith Butler's plenary address *New Thoughts on Solidarity*, the plenary panel *Lifetime of Learning Lecture* with Katie Geneva Cannon and Judith Plaskow, or a conversation with Robert Bellah on *Religion in Human Evolution*. Six videos are currently [available for viewing](#) and more are on the way!

RESEARCH GRANTS

Each year the AAR awards grants of up to \$5,000 for individual and collaborative research projects. The research grants [online submission system](#) is now open. All applicants must apply online; paper applications will not be accepted. The deadline to apply for a 2012 grant is **August 1, 2012**. For additional information, see <http://www.aarweb.org/programs/grants>.

AAR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD - NOMINATIONS

The Teaching and Learning Committee seeks nominations for the AAR Award for Excellence in Teaching. Nominations of winners of campus awards, or any other awards, are encouraged. Procedures for the nomination process are outlined on the [AAR website](#). The deadline for nominations is **October 1, 2012**.

ACADEMIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE SEEKS REVIEWER

The AAR's Academic Relations Committee is expanding its list of reserve persons competent to serve as external referees for religion and religious studies units pursuing program reviews. The Committee invites nominations (including self-nominations) of persons open to serving in such a capacity. Nomination materials should include: 1) A brief statement indicating reasons for interest in serving, and types of institutions the nominee is qualified to review; 2) Curriculum vitae;

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and 3) A short narrative affirming: (a) administrative experience as a department chair, program director, dean or dean's equivalent; (b) at least five years of AAR membership in good standing; and (c) familiarity with the Academy's program review resources online at the [AAR website](#).

Persons with previous experience leading a departmental or program self-study, serving as an external reviewer for another department or program, and/or serving on a regional or national accreditation team are especially needed.

Letters of interest and supporting materials should be submitted by **October 10, 2012**, for consideration at the committee's November AAR meeting. Approved reviewers will be notified by December 31. All approved names will be added to the current listing of potential program reviewers. Service as a program reviewer is subject to selection from the reserve list by departments preparing for reviews. Address letters of interest to [Stephanie Gray \(sgray@aarweb.org\)](mailto:sgray@aarweb.org) at the AAR office in Atlanta.

AAR MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: INÉS TALAMANTEZ



Inés Talamantez is a leader within the field of Native American Religious Studies. She is a graduate of the University of California, San Diego, and Harvard University. She is an associate professor of religion at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Inés responds to questions about her career and what we can expect to see from her next. [Read the full](#)

[interview on the AAR web site!](#)

The Member Spotlight is a series of interviews with AAR members who have shaped the field of religious studies. Member Spotlight is published online and in the e-Bulletins. Do you have a colleague who you think we should spotlight? [Nominate them!](#)

ACADEMIC ABBY: Professional Advice from Your Colleagues

Do you have a question about life in academe that you are at a loss to answer by yourself but don't feel you can approach your colleagues with it? [Ask Academic Abby!](#) Academic Abby is able to answer

questions large and small, from dealing with faculty dilemmas, to tenure issues, to work/life balance troubles. Questions can be submitted anonymously through an [online form](#). Members of the AAR Status of Women in the Profession Committee will respond to each question received. The question and answer will be posted on the [Status of Women in the Profession web page](#) and issues of [Religious Studies News](#).

ASK THE DIVA

If you are experiencing issues of special concern to LGBTIQ scholars of religion, the Diva can help! What questions do you have about graduate school, career development, teaching, etc.? Questions can be submitted anonymously through an [online form](#). Members of the LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee will respon. Your confidentiality is assured; the answers can be e-mailed to you privately if you wish. With your permission, the questions and answers will be posted anonymously in [Religious Studies News](#).

AAR MEMBER NOTES

Awards

[Kevin Twain Lowery](#), Olivet Nazarene University

Awarded the 2012 Samuel L. Mayhugh Award for Scholarly Excellence by the university at its 99th commencement. This honor is given to one faculty member annually and includes special recognition and a cash award.

[Rebecca Todd Peters](#), Elon University

Awarded the Distinguished Scholar Award at Elon University. This award is the university's highest award for excellence in scholarship and comes with a \$3,500 award and the delivery of a public lecture in the spring.

Books and Major Publications

[Andrea Acri](#), Asia Research Institute (NUS)

Dharma Patanjala; A Saiva Scripture from Ancient Java Studied in the Light of Related Old Javanese and Sanskrit Texts, Gonda Indological Studies XVI; Groningen: Egbert Forsten Publishing, 2011. xviii + 706 pp. ISBN: 978 90 6980 000 4.

[Peter Admirand](#), Mater Dei Institute, DCU

Amidst Mass Atrocity and the Rubble of Theology: Searching for a

Viable Theodicy, Cascade Books, March 2012, 978-1-61097-306-9.

[Carla Bellamy](#), Baruch College

The Powerful Ephemeral: Everyday Healing in an Ambiguously Islamic Place, University of California Press, August 2011 release date.

[Deborah L. Berhó](#), George Fox University

Protestant Hispanic Churches of Oregon, Wipf & Stock, March 2012.
ISBN 978-1-61097-013-6

[Robert Campany](#), Vanderbilt University

Signs from the Unseen Realm: Buddhist Miracle Tales from Early Medieval China (University of Hawai'i Press, 2012)

[Monica A. Coleman](#), Claremont School of Theology

Not Alone: Reflections on Faith and Depression - a 40 Day Devotional, Inner Prizes, February 2012 release date. ISBN: 978-0985140205

[Nancy J. Davis](#), DePauw University

Claiming Society for God: Religious Movements and Social Welfare in Egypt, Israel, Italy, and the United States. Indiana University Press, June 2012. ISBN: 0253002389

[Nancy J. Davis](#), DePauw University and Robert V. Robinson, Indiana University.

Claiming Society for God: Religious Movements and Social Welfare in Egypt, Israel, Italy, and the United States. Bloomington, IN, Indiana University Press, 2012. ISBN: 978-0-253-00238-9.

[Fabrizio M. Ferrari](#), University of Chester

Ernesto de Martino on Religion. The Crisis and the Presence. Equinox, June 2012, ISBN 9781845536343.

[Paul G Hackett](#), Columbia University

Theos Bernard, the White Lama: Tibet, Yoga, and American Religious Life. New York: Columbia University Press, May 2012; ISBN 978-0-231-15886-2.

[Beverley Haddad](#), University of KwaZulu-Natal

Religion and HIV and AIDS: Charting the Terrain, University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, August 2011 (editor). ISBN 978-1-86914-207-0

[James Kraft](#), Huston-Tillotson University

The Epistemology of Religious Disagreement, Palgrave/Macmillan, 2012
978-0-230-11190-5

[Robert N. McCauley](#), Emory University

Why Religion Is Natural and Science Is Not, Oxford University Press,
November 2011 release date; ISBN: 978-0-19-982726-8

[A. Charles Muller](#), University of Tokyo and Cuong T. Nguyen, ed.
Wonhyo's Philosophy of Mind. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.
2011. 416 pp. ISBN: 978-0-8248-3573-6.

[James T. Richardson](#), University of Nevada, Reno
Saints under Siege: The Texas Raid on the Latter Day Saints Community
(New York University Press, 2011 (with Stuart Wright)

[Bob Robinson](#), Laidlaw College, New Zealand
Jesus and the Religions: Retrieving a Neglected Example for a Multi-cultural World. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2012. ISBN:
9781610975988

[David A. Salomon](#), The Sage Colleges
An Introduction to the Glossa Ordinaria as Medieval Hypertext, Cardiff,
Wales, University of Wales Press, July 2012 release date

[Tom Schwanda](#), Wheaton College
Soul Recreation: The Contemplative—Mystical Piety of Puritanism.
Eugene, OR: Pickwick. Released April 2012, ISBN 978-1-61097-455-4

[Deanna A. Thompson](#), Hamline University
*Hoping for More: On Having Cancer, Talking Faith, and Accepting
Grace*, Cascade Books, May 2012 release date.

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milestones! [Submit your Member Note online](#).
